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December 6, 2007 MCA-MDT Technical Committee Meeting Minutes

Glen Frost opened the meeting with introductions. MCA pointed out the anti-trust policy included with the attendance sheet, and reminded members to read and abide by the policy.

MDT OPENING COMMENTS

1. SiteXchange. MDT gave a brief demonstration on the SiteXchange software. MCA questioned when the software would be implemented. SiteManager production will not go into production until March. They may or may not go into production at the same time, as MDT is still working on the logistics of the file transfers. There is a proposed supplemental specification out for comment that would allow its use when the specification is incorporated into contracts. No specific project has been chosen at this time.

2. New Specification Revisions. MDT announced that eight specifications and specials were sent out for review as of December 6, 2007 and briefly explained each proposed specification change. No consensus was determined since the comment period will be open till December 31.

- 108.01.2 Contract Performance – Clarify 40% calculation (other cleanup)
- 108.01.3 SiteXchange – New Subsection enabling the use.
- 109.10 Overpayments – Deduct overpayments from future contracts
- 552.03.9 Cold Weather Concreting – Assume risk for placing and Curing
- 620.03.6 Epoxy Pavement Markings – Line width tolerance
- 620.04.1 Temp. & Interim Marking Quantities – Volume calculation
- 620.04.2 Epoxy Pavement Markings – Clarify volume calculations
- 401-12 Ride Specification – Time of testing, courtesy test.

3. Lump Sum Erosion Control. MDT's Environmental section presented the proposed changes to the MPDES permitting process. Some major changes mentioned and discussed were lump sum bidding, SWPPP preparation including preparation of the erosion control plan, and the contractor's responsibility as the sole permittee. Pilot projects are proposed for the March letting.

4. High Visibility Clothing. MDT announced that a high visibility clothing spec will be coming in the future and details will be provided as soon as possible. This is a federal requirement. MDT commented that the deadline for the clothing is November 2008.

MCA NEW BUSINESS

1. CRS-2 Penetration / Seal & Cover. MCA commented that the difference in hardness

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given an 80 pen vs. 100 pen CRS-2 oil can be crucial in hot weather seal & cover activities.

MCA stated that the harder pen oil set up much quicker giving a higher quality product. MDT materials commented that they have been researching the request and have not come to a consensus at this point.

2. Water for Dust Control. MCA commented that they are in opposition of MDT removing water for dust control as a pay item and including this water in other items. They stated that there is no reasonable way to include this cost in other items due to weather inconsistencies, availability of water and potential project manager inconsistencies. MDT agreed to revisit this issue.

3. MDT Reviewed Items. MCA commented that MDT has been making excessive changes and taking excessive time when reviewing Consultant PE approved submittals. MDT commented that the plans need to be reviewed for major errors but minor corrections should not be requested.

4. Change Orders / Force Account. MCA commented that change order processing time has been excessive and that force account work prices have been inconsistent. MDT commented that the contractor should not start any work until prices have been approved by the project manager, or a change order has been signed.

MDT NEW BUSINESS

1. Overlay - Chip Sealing, Phase I / Phase II. MDT mentioned that it is considering the possibility of implementing a Phase I – Paving / Phase II – Chip Seal contract with flex time on each phase. This would allow the contractor to pave a project then chip seal the next construction season (if desired). MCA was in favor of this proposal.

2. State Sources. MDT stated they are reviewing the possibility of state optioned sources for materials on applicable projects. This is currently under review by MDT.

The next meeting will tentatively be January 9, 2007, at a location to be determined in Kalispell.